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Mr. Vernon A. Williams
Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Re: Surface Transportation Board Docket No. AB-6 (Sub-No. 403X); The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company Abandonment in Wichita, Kansas and between Wichita and Valley Center, in Sedgwick County, Kansas

Dear Secretary Williams:

On April 22, 2003, the Board issued a decision in the above-referenced proceeding imposing a notice of interim trail use/rail banking ("NITU") condition. The Board imposed a deadline of October 19, 2003 on the NITU. Due to ongoing negotiations with the City of Wichita, at this time, BNSF requests an extension of the NITU for an additional 180 days (until April 16, 2004).

Sincerely,


Sarah Whitley Bailiff

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cc: Chris Cherches (City of Wichita)
Richard Batie

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